



The Interim policy committee hard at work. Keep busy, folks!

## U de M geography students propose outside arbitrators

by Helena Lamed

A general assembly of Universite de Montreal geography students decided yesterday afternoon upon an acceptable structure for a neutral committee to investigate their demands. Their proposals were to be presented before the Administration and faculty representatives yesterday evening.

The students proposed that the neutral committee consist of three geography specialists from outside the University's geography department. One member would represent the students, one the administration and faculty, the third being unconnected to either. The committee would be primarily responsible for examining the cases of the four professors whom the students have deemed incompetent and have asked to resign. The students insist that the recommendations of the committee be final and implemented immediately. They refused to accept an administration veto over the decisions of the committee.

The students rejected the administration condition that they return to class for the three week period that the committee would be in session.

A spokesman for the students explained, "To return to the classes of the very professors we have asked to resign defeats

the entire purpose of the committee and our struggle."

The students also decided not to respond to the letter sent by the administration insisting that they register for the second term or leave the university. Since the signature was photocopied on each letter, the students can contend that it is technically not official and therefore illegal.

The geography students have been on strike since last October. At the start of the second term the police were called to forcibly end a student occupation of the geography department offices.

The students now demand the dismissal of the four professors. They claim that these four are hampering the attempts by both students and faculty to change the geography curriculum. Apparently these are the senior professors of the department. Two have previously held the chair and all are viewed as allies of the administration.

The students complain that the courses offered by these professors are purely descriptive, and not at all scientific. One student said that "they are the kinds of courses that one has in elementary school." The students would like to divide the department and set up two separate degree programs, one

in human geography and in physical geography. The new curriculum would involve learning analytic methods of approach and then applying them to critical problems.

The other geography professors apparently approve the proposed curriculum changes, but have made no outright statement about the call for the dismissal of the their confreres. As a student remarked, "They are afraid of reprisals." When asked if he thought the proposals would be accepted he replied, "Personally, no. The administration will not budge."

At press time the results of the meeting were not yet available. The geography students hope that a general assembly of all social science students on Wednesday will result in a declaration of support, and that a show of student solidarity will soften the administration.

### ERRATUM

The Daily wishes to apologize to photographer Nancy Bazilchuck whose first pic for us - Dean Shapiro - appeared in yesterday's edition credited to Bob Bellini.

## IPC shuts doors to screen applications

by Ellen McKeough

The Interim Policy Committee (IPC) of the Students' Society went into closed session last night after tabling minor house-keeping affairs to discuss the establishment of criteria for selecting delegates to the Restructuring Committee and the Managerial Committee.

The members of these committees, which will attempt to reshape the presently inoperative Students' Society, will be selected at a special meeting of the IPC this evening.

Before moving to the lengthy closed session, the Committee covered the operating budgets of stricken student clubs and services.

Radio McGill, which had requested \$4,000 to resume complete operations received \$2,000, with the stipulation that it provide IPC with an account of expenses. Radio is currently broadcasting only in the Union cafeteria, lacking funds to utilize the fourteen campus locations and cable television channel it served last year. Members of the IPC questioned whether the group which is trying to revive Radio McGill could prevent the theft that deprived them of much

of their equipment last year.

Station Manager Benjie Steinfeld stressed that the theft occurred after the station had been closed down and that it was unlikely that the thieves were members of Radio.

Steinfeld also explained that the damage to the equipment that occurred when the station was shut down was caused by those who removed the equipment at the order of Council. Many committee members seemed to think that the Radio staff destroyed its own equipment.

Student Legal Aid requested, but was not granted, \$6,000 to finance its summer operation, which serves the student community from June 1 to September 30. The money would be used to pay the salaries of three employees who would run the office.

Sadie Hempey, advisor to the IPC, termed this service as "essential," noting that 500 clients were helped last year. The Committee asked that Legal Aid submit a more detailed budget, after former President Andrew Yearwood complained that no itemized report on last

continued on p. 3

### STUDENTS' SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All IPC members are urgently requested to come to tonight's meeting to discuss managerial and restructuring committee applications. Very important, 6:45, Union 327.

All those who applied for the restructuring committee come to the meeting tonight as follows:

Amato to Bernier - 8:30

Boskey to Garber - 9

Gardner to Johnson - 9:30

Kid to Magnan - 10

Matziorinis to Sassoon - 10:30

Until the present accounting backlog of the Students' Society is cleared, the Council office hours will be: 9-1 and 4-5 daily. We regret this temporary inconvenience.



Striking Universite de Montreal geography students refuse to return to classes of professors they feel incompetent, despite threats from the administration.



Eyes Examined

Contact Lenses

**Dr. David Kwavnick, O.D.**  
Optometrist

Tel. 933-8700  
933-8182

1535 Sherbrooke St. West  
(Corner Guy)

## McGill Pre-Med Society

presents an informative talk on

# THE SPREAD OF CANCER

by Dr. Julian Proctor  
of the McGill Cancer Research Unit

Tuesday, January 27 at 1:00 PM.  
in Meakins Theatre of the McIntyre Bldg.

## good news for hungry students

Delicious full-course Kosher Lunches  
are being served daily 12-2 pm.

Best buy in town!

Chabad House

3429 Peel St.



**Michel  
Abehsera**

- macrobiotics
- natural foods
- natural medicine
- Jewish experience

will be at  
**CHABAD HOUSE**  
3429 Peel Street

Thursday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 pm.  
"Total Health & Natural Living"

# TAY-SACHS CLINIC

## PROTECT YOUR TOMORROW

As a service to Jews on campus there will be a TAY-SACHS Clinic in the McGill Student Union this Wednesday. Remember, if you are Jewish, that you have a 1 in 27 chance of being a carrier of the TAY-SACHS GENE, even though you are perfectly healthy. If both parents are carriers, there is a 25 percent chance of having a child affected with TAY-SACHS disease. A simple blood test will determine if you are a carrier.

Wednesday, January 28th — 11:30 am.-1:30 pm.  
McGill Student Union — Room 123

**McGill Hillel**

Info: Robert: 845-9171

## classifieds

These ads may be placed in the advertising office at the University Centre from 9 am. to 5 pm. Ads received by 10 o'clock appear the following day. Rates: 3 consecutive insertions — \$3.00 maximum 20 words. 15 cents per extra word.

### TYPING

EXPERT typing on Executive Electric. Call Theresa 9 to 5 at 392-8902; evenings and weekends at 288-5496. Multilingual.

### FOR SALE

GARRARD turntable and dust cover. 1 1/2 years old, good condition and inexpensive. Call 277-8768.

For Sale ANTIQUE combination desk bureau \$110. 3 mattresses \$15 each. 931-6697.

For Sale BLAUPUNKT CASSETTE STEREO for Car. Slightly used. Call Gerard 483-1420.

UHER 124 CASSETTE Compact Report Stereo for sale. Price open for discussion. Call Gerard 483-1420.

Calculator, Texas Instruments SR50A, \$100. Also, assorted drafting equipment. 366-5104, after 6 PM.

### HOUSING

SABBATICAL EXCHANGE — 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, fully furnished penthouse. Roof garden overlooking Hebrew University, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, for rent or exchange for Montreal accommodation. Possible exchange cars. April-October, 1976 inclusive. Apply office hours. Gale: 392-4652.

LARGE house near Campus needs 4th person \$85 monthly/call 282-1602. Evenings.

McGill Area, 105 Milton. Immediate occupancy, attractive 1 1/2 high rise, furnished sublet \$125/month, all utilities paid. Phone 937-8511, ext. 401 (9-4:30), 282-4077 eve.

Efficient light MOVING. Reasonable rates. 843-8138.

### MISCELLANEOUS

OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN HOUR CAN MAKE! People are needed for one hour a week to tutor Jewish Immigrant children. These children are from non-English or French speaking homes and need your help to make it in school. Tutors needed in English, French, Hebrew and Math. Call Robert. 845-9171 or Pam 735-2822.

### LOST

Pair of gold wire-framed glasses in Morrice Hall last Wednesday. URGENTLY NEEDED! If found, call Carole 484-2073; 487-2105.

### JOBS

Orthodox Jewish Youth Organization seeks YOUNG, MOTIVATED, PART-TIME programming assistant for challenging role. Experience and/or training in youth or social work preferred. Salary to be discussed. Call 735-4347.

### PERSONAL

Problem? Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Hausman 341-3580.

Michael Johnson, please contact very penniless Mary Lynne regarding a certain \$60 which is needed in said penniless condition. Call 932-7375 before Jan. 22.

Feel alone — Depressed!!! So did I until I wrote Oral Roberts, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102, U.S.A. and got a free copy of "Daily Guide to Miracles". Now I am happy!

Attention former ADATH ISRAEL STUDENTS! We are organizing a reunion in honour of former principal. If interested call 731-7070, 681-4229.

## CRAFTS TO SELL?

Anyone interested in displaying & selling arts & crafts during the SNOW SHOW FESTIVAL [Feb. 16-20th] leave name, phone number and type of craft in Student Union Office—ASUS box.

McGILL  
**ARTS & SCIENCE**  
UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

# Get ready...

## ...for the McGill Snow Show!



requires

Experienced and Mature Staff  
Male and Female  
Minimum age - 18

For the following positions:

Head Counsellor  
Counsellors  
Waterfront Director  
INSTRUCTORS for:  
Swimming  
Sailing  
Waterskiing  
Canoeing  
Tennis  
Physical Education  
Archery & Rifflery  
Land Sports  
Drama  
Folk Singing and Folk Dancing  
Assistant Food Services Manager  
Kitchen Aids

**SALARY: DEPENDENT ON  
EXPERIENCE**

**TO APPLY: Call between 9a.m.  
and 5p.m.  
514-487-5177**

Student Christian  
Movement  
at

## The Yellow Door

3625 Aylmer St.

presents

## HOMEMADE HEALTHY LUNCHES

Monday - Friday

11 - 2pm



# Campus Legal Aid

(Free)

New Location

5 days weekly 10 am - 4 pm

Union Bldg. B46 (basement)

PHONE 392-8918

**BUNUEL  
festival**

7:00 P.M.

# EL

9:30 P.M.

## ROBINSON CRUSOE

L132

50c



# letters

## Apathy again?

To the Daily:

Perhaps it was utter idealism to organize a Women's Union in the McGill Student Union obscurely tucked away on the fourth floor. As I enter the Women's Union for the millionth time, I am stunned as I face the vast assortment of resources that so few people know about or use. It is incredible to realize what is offered. There is a free lending library of over 600 volumes, many of which cannot be found elsewhere in the McGill libraries. There's a big, comfortable, quiet room perfect for lunch, discussions, lectures, classes and whatever else you might think appropriate. There's magazines, newspapers, catalogued articles and even a printing press. In short, money and physical limitations are not our problems.

So why do so many women stay away from such a potentially workable resource? First of all it is important to clarify that this problem is endemic to McGill and does not in any way signal the death of the women's movement. Other universities in Canada and the States have active, stimulating unions where women students and teachers cooperate and learn from each other. The first part of the problem is the McGill

student.

Most McGill students leave school after classes with no further concern for their campus community. In light of the present crumbling status of our Students' Society, this Women's Union crisis is not news, but rather a manifestation of an old problem. Although apathy should not be the sole excuse for the gross lack of student involvement, it does predominate.

The second part of the problem is the atmosphere in the Women's Union which I have been told turns people away. We need to re-evaluate our goals, dissolve the existing intimidating power clique and involve as many women as possible in this process. We are all unsure of the correct path to take, so we need to hear your opinions and suggestions. It would be shattering to lock the doors to the Women's Union. For one thing, if we do, it will be nearly impossible for a group of McGill women to find funds for another one in the future. I hope the doors remain open but we need your support.

The Women's Union will remain open every day this week from 11 to 2 for you to register your concern. There will be a meeting Monday, Feb. 2 at 3 pm in the Women's Union (Room 457-8 in the Union) to coordinate the results and responses to the test week. This is the last chance to revive a union which should not die.

Susan Flax

## Women's Union SOS

To the Daily:

It is a sad situation that brings about the collapse of the women's Union. This failure is not another reflection on the apathy and uselessness of McGill students which so often finds its way to the pages of the Daily.

The Women's Union has not fulfilled its obligation to the women of McGill. At present, it is only a handful of women who comprise the Union, small and detached in body and spirit. Women are not aware that they are members of a union for women, dedicated to the special considerations of women. The Women's Union has not embraced its members with support, nor have they approached them for support. They have been content, it would seem, to bask in a glorified position of enlightenment. Untrue to the cause of creating unity amongst the women of McGill, they have furthered division.

Indeed I am not so angered and embittered as to ignore the important work of the Union so far. To their credit is the successful struggle to establish the Union itself, a fine library, a program of guest speakers and interest courses. But they have not truly offered these services to the students who are largely unaware of the resources and activities of the Women's Union. It remains a closed service for the benefit of the few. Despite this limitation, the

# MCGILL DAILY

The McGill Daily is published five times a week by the Students' Society of McGill University, 3480 McTavish Street, Montreal. Editorial opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily the official opinions of the Students' Society. Typeset at SST and printed at Imprimerie Richelieu.

Mail subscriptions: \$12

Editorial offices: 392-8955

Editor in Chief: George Kopp

Managing Editor: Larry Black

Features Editor: Charlie Clark

News Editors: Rory Clarke

Katherine Gutkind

Weekly Editor: Sasha Cunningham

Business Managers: Lorne Merryweather

Norman Stark

Archives: Malcolm MacLeod

Advertising office: 392-8902

CUP Liaison: Jeff Kessler

Contributing Editors:

Malcolm Guy

Justin Loughry

Sports Editors: Oleg Zadorozny

Michel Zelnick

Photography Editor: Robert Bellini

Advertising Manager: Irina Loewy

presence of a Women's Union on campus is in itself important. Just to know that it exists is heartening. If help is needed to keep it running, they must really reach out. The Women's Union must not be allowed to fold so pathetically. The Women's Union must be

saved. A collapse in the name of lack of support is a sham and an insult to the integrity of the women of McGill. The support exists and the interest exists, but the Women's Union has failed to reach out for it.

Eva Friedle

## today

### Motorcycle club:

Meeting at 1 pm in Union 307.

### International Week:

Marcel Pepin, President of the CSN will speak about "L'actualite Syndicale." SBB 30, 3:30 pm.

### Islamic Society of McGill:

General meeting at 4 pm, Leacock 830. Refreshments will be served. Info. 392-5197.

### Department of Geography:

James W. Simmons, Associate Professor of Geography, University of Toronto, will speak on "Towards a National Urban Strategy for Canada," tomorrow at 3 pm, Burnside Hall 308.

### Sigma Xi Lecture:

Chemical Properties of the DNA and RNA molecules by K.K. Ogilvie, Department of Chemistry at McGill University. 8 pm in the Redpath Museum Lecture Theatre.

### Arts and Science Students:

Make course changes until JANUARY 30th. Pick up instructions and cards from the Student Affairs Office, Ground Floor, Dawson Hall.

### Bridge Club:

Duplicate game today and every Tuesday in the Union 2nd floor Grill Room at 6:45 pm. Info: Howard or Robert at 488-3085.

### Players Theatre Auditions:

Auditions for the tragic-comedy *After Haggerty* by British playwright will be held from 3 to 6 pm in Players' Theatre, 3rd floor Union. Info: 392-8989. Production and tech. crews are also needed.

### Multimedia Show:

Planning session tonight, McConnell Hall Residence, 8 pm. Bring your ideas.

### McCord Museum

[690 Sherbrooke St. W.]:

"Quebec and its Environs", prints and watercolors from the permanent collections, 1795-1850. Jan 23 through May 16; Also, "Notman and Henderson in the West", gravure prints published by the CPR from

photographs taken from 1844-1892. Through Feb. 8. Fri-Sun, 11-6; Admission free. Tel: 392-4778-Fri./392-4774-Sat. & Sun. Research by appointment.

### Players Club:

McGill Players presents *The Proposal* and *The Anniversary*, two Chekhov farces directed by H.S. Anderson, today at 1 pm at the Players Theatre. Free admission.

### Caribbean Students Society:

Big meeting for the new year. Discussion on Caribbean & International Festival. Speaker on Zimbabwe. Union 327, 7:30 pm.

### Pre-Med Society:

"The Spread of Cancer", a talk by Dr. Julian Proctor of McGill's Cancer Research Unit. 1 pm, Meakins Theater, McIntyre Medical Building.

### McGill Chinese Students Society:

Noon: Lunch time film show in Leacock 26. 1) Turdeau's visit to China and 2) People's China. 8 pm: Talk by Prof. C.K. Jen, "Historical and Contemporary Development of Chinese Science & Technology". Leacock 26. All in English, free, all are welcome.

## IPC...

continued from p. 1

summer's program had been submitted.

Old McGill submitted a preliminary budget which was rejected completely. Instead, IPC granted the Yearbook \$100 to commence operations until a new budget could be submitted next week.

In what Alan Brownrigg, President of the Engineering Undergraduate Society and member of the IPC termed "the best motion tonight," the IPC divested itself of all responsibility for the running of Gertrude's, currently suffering a form of dry-rot. Gert's will be run by the Managerial Committee.

# Nader groups proliferate

by Bob Engonla

In Oregon throwaway bottles and cans are now prohibited.

A Consumer Action Centre has opened up in Kitchener, Ontario, to investigate consumer complaints of price fixing and defective merchandise. University students staff the centre.

In Minnesota, a group of university students almost stopped the production of Pepsi-Cola when they found asbestos in the water being used to make the drink.

What is behind all of these startling actions? Are they merely isolated attempts to protect citizens from big business, or do they have something in common? The answer is found in the word PIRG, an acronym for Public Interest Research Group.

On college campuses throughout Canada and the United States, student-run Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) have been operating for over five years. Recently, PIRG arrived at McGill.

The original idea for the student research groups grew out of the work of Ralph Nader and his staff in 1970. At that time, PIRGs were initiated to fill the need for research into such issues as environmental degradation and occupational hazards. PIRG's goal was to counteract the lobbying efforts of big business against laws attacking these problems.

PIRGs revolve around the students at colleges and universities. Students are elected to a board of directors which plans projects and oversees finances. The board hires one or more full-time professionals to assist in the projects and operations of the organization.

Students, including the board members and any others interested, carry out research projects to uncover examples of violations of public protection laws, or of poor enforcement of such laws. A researcher might, for instance, collect data on asbestos levels in the air in factories to determine if there is a threat to the health of the workers.

If research indicates that the public safety or welfare is endangered, the advocacy process is initiated. Advocacy may consist of writing letters and making phone calls to agencies responsible for preventing violations of public safety laws, or it may consist of going to court to defend the public interest. In either case, PIRGs are oriented toward obtaining results, seeking to uncover and then change practices harmful to consumers and employees.

The money to operate PIRGs is provided by students, in the form of a supplemental student fee collected expressly for the PIRG. This feature distinguishes the PIRG from other student organizations which generally must apply to the

student council for funding each year. Outside grants are sought but not depended upon, so that if they cannot be obtained the organization still functions.

The PIRG concept is far from revolutionary. It is an attempt to reform the legislative and legal systems towards a more consumer-oriented stance. PIRG groups aim not to undermine or even drastically reform "the system," but merely to use the present system of legislatures and enforcement agencies to promote public interest. Rarely are techniques such as boycotts or strikes employed; rather, changes are sought through legislation or court decisions. The prevailing philosophy is not anti-capitalist. Several campaigns are underway to reduce the concentration of power in some industries, such as the food industry or the beverage-bottling industry. But the emphasis is on smaller corporations with more concern for consumers and employees, rather than on a total dismantling of the capitalist economic system.

Although PIRGs have become fairly widespread in the United States since their inception five years ago, their presence in Canada is a relatively recent development. Just recently, following Ralph Nader's McGill speech, a group of students here has begun an effort to bring the PIRG concept to Quebec.



The Arab Students' Society  
presents

## CANADIAN MEDIA & THE MIDDLE EAST A CRITICAL OUTLOOK

by Mr. Roger Delorme, journalist and writer

UNION BALLROOM 12:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

**johanna  
aisner**

esthéticienne diplômée de  
Paris, Grenoble, Genève

10 percent off to  
students and staff with  
this ad till Jan. 31

for appointment  
call 843-3110

2020  
crescent

## 20% OFF GRADUATION PORTRAITS

(colour or black & white)  
(hoods & gowns available)

Express service available on  
applications and passport photos



*Van Dyck*

& MEYERS STUDIOS

1121 ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST — MONTREAL  
HOLLAND BUILDING WEST OF PEEL ST.

849-7327

Serving McGill Students since 1932.

STUDIO HOURS  
Mon.-Sat. 9-5:30 p.m.  
Thurs. only 9-8:30 p.m.

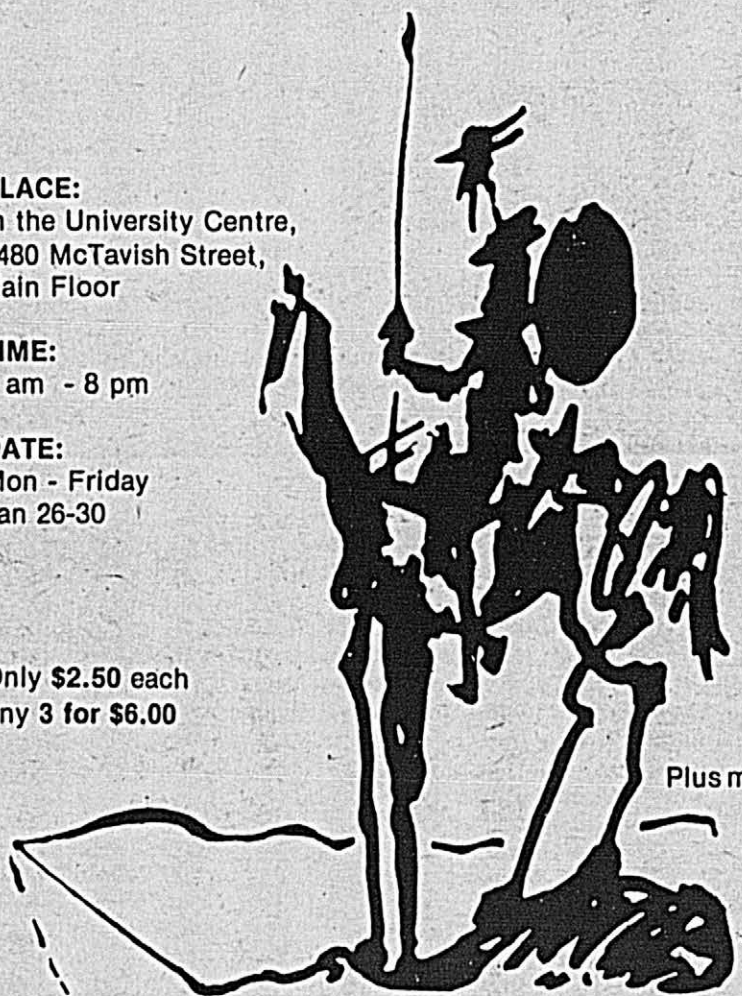
## ART EXHIBITION & SALE

PLACE:  
In the University Centre,  
3480 McTavish Street,  
Main Floor

TIME:  
9 am - 8 pm

DATE:  
Mon - Friday  
Jan 26-30

Only \$2.50 each  
any 3 for \$6.00



Over 1200 different  
large full color  
reproductions

Featuring the works of  
Van Gogh  
Picasso  
Dali  
Monet  
Renoir  
M.C. Escher  
Bosch  
Wyeth  
Magritte  
Gauguin  
Rembrandt  
Breugel

Plus many, many new editions

Great way to decorate!  
If you have bare walls this is the place!

## McGill Film Society

Any and all film buffs and movie  
goers interested in working with  
MFS are welcome to attend  
tonight's meeting in Room 464  
of the Student Union Building.  
5:00 pm.

## POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY BY-ELECTIONS

Nominations are hereby called for the following  
Executive positions:

VICE-PRESIDENT — EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
SECRETARY

Only regular members are eligible to be elected to an  
Executive position.

All nomination papers must contain only the  
following statement:

"We, the undersigned members of the Post-Graduate  
Students' Society nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for the position of (SECRETARY or V.P. EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS) \_\_\_\_\_."

Nomination papers for these positions must be  
signed by twenty-five (25) nominators, with their  
year, department, school or institute and be  
countersigned by the candidate (including his or her  
address and phone number), and must be addressed  
to C.R.O., Graduate Centre, 3650 McTavish Street, to  
arrive not later than Thursday, February 5th at 5 pm.  
Locations of polls will be posted in each department.

Anyone wishing to be a Deputy Returning Officer (i.e.  
sitting at the polls) please contact the C.R.O. at  
Thomson House local 5959.

Nancy Birnbaum  
Chief Returning Officer

# LIVINGSTON TAYLOR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 8 PM MCGILL STUDENT UNION BALLROOM  
TICKETS: \$3 IN ADVANCE \$3.50 AT DOOR ON SALE NOW AT: UNION BOX OFFICE 3480 MCTAVISH STREET  
YELLOW DOOR COFFEEHOUSE 3625 AYLMER 392-4947 PHANTASMAGORIA  
2000+ RECORDS MONTREAL FOLKLORE CENTRE 1529 SHERBROOKE W.

ARTS &  
SCIENCE  
UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

## Summer Jobs

Resident camp near Ste.  
Agathe seeks  
experienced:

- Female bunk  
counsellors.
- Drama Director for  
musicals.
- Instructors for  
swimming, sailing,  
tripping.

Phone: 481-1875